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Ms Melinda Eden, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Eden:

I am among the many citizens who are concerned about the fate of the Columbia River fishery. As an occasional recreational fisherman, I have first hand experience of what appears to be the mismanagement of the migrating salmon and steelhead justified by flawed, inaccurate and incomplete data. One of the few bright spots is the work of the Fish Passage Center.

How else can we ever expect to measure the impact of policy decisions if we don't have accurate data that is available to everyone and unblemished by political interest groups? This is a lesson you would think the Washington and Oregon fishery managers would have learned by now and applied to other areas such as Caspian Terns, Sea Lions, sports fishing regulations, gillnets, by-catch and other inhibitors to a healthy Columbia River fishery.

In developing a plan to transfer the functions of the Fish Passage Center, as required by Senator Craig's legislation, I hope you will recommend a solution that is insulated from politics, lobbying groups, special interest pressure or dependent funding from special interest groups. The data should be complete, accurate, and readily available to the public from a single source.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Gale Liberty

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